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Re: Resolution

Dear Mr. McDade:

It is my pleasure to report that the Dispute Resolution Section, at its Council Meeting in Atlanta on August 7, 2004 duly adopted the enclosed Resolution commending the Department of the Air Force for its initiatives in dispute resolution.

As our "Lawyer as Problem Solver" award to your program last year recognized, creative and effective programs applying dispute resolution principles to your business and personnel activities can aid immeasurably in your successes.

Thanks for your continuing interest in and contributions to the field of dispute resolution.

Very truly yours,

Richard Chernick

Resolution

The American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution recognizes the Department of the Air Force for its latest initiative in the area of dispute resolution: making a corporate decision to provide negotiation on a systematic basis. The Air Force has long been a leader in the field, and its latest - and potentially most far-reaching - initiative combines the core elements of negotiation training with expanded potential uses throughout a range of disciplines. The Air Force initiative starts with the recognition that negotiation techniques can be modeled, studied, and applied in virtually all Air Force activities involving civil law disputes. While negotiation training is not new, systematically developing and refining such training based on real-world experience is on the forefront of the negotiations and dispute-management field.

We congratulate the Air Force on this exciting new program and look forward to cooperating with the Air Force in its efforts to make negotiations a corporate capability.